

In page 40, lines 20-21, the specification states "A zeolite shaped body of the invention is a porous zeolite shaped body composed of *particles of a zeolite* [emphasis added]."

Consistent with these disclosures, page 9, lines 23-25 states "A porous zeolite shaped body of a zeolite, characterized in that the porous zeolite shaped body has an *average* particle diameter of 1.0 μm or larger . . . (similar recitation appears in original claim 7) [emphasis added]."

Original claim 16 recites "A porous zeolite shaped body of a zeolite . . . where respective particles are clearly observed by grain boundary fracture among particles composing the zeolite shaped body in microstructure observation . . . [emphasis added]."

The original specification does not contain the *exact* wording ". . . three-dimensional structure including pores defined between said particles . . .", but exact wording is not required. In order to satisfy the written description requirement. The original specification contains disclosure which indicates to persons of skill in the art that the shaped body is three-dimensional and that it includes pores between the particles of zeolite.

In addition to the disclosure referred to above, in page 59, lines 13-16, the original specification discloses:

[r]espective zeolite shaped bodies obtained in the examples 1 to 5 and the comparative examples 1 to 7 were subjected to x-ray diffraction to investigate their crystal phase and find that they were *porous bodies* of a MFI type zeolite . . . [emphasis added].

Likewise, in page 61, lines 17-23, the original specification discloses:

[r]espective zeolite shaped bodies obtained in the examples 6 to 11 and the comparative examples 8 to 10 were subjected to x-ray diffraction to investigate their crystal phase and find that those obtained in the comparative examples 9 to 10 were *porous bodies* of a MFI type zeolite and that those obtained in the examples 6 to 11 were *porous zeolite bodies* still under crystallization comprising a MFI type zeolite and amorphous zeolite. [emphasis added].

In addition, the photograph shown as Fig. 1 makes it quite evident that the claimed invention provides a three-dimensional structure. Even the term "body" indicates a three-dimensional structure.

The above-noted disclosure clearly indicates that the original specification describes a shaped body which comprises a plurality of completely crystallized zeolite particles, and which comprises a three-dimensional structure including pores defined between the particles.

In view of the above, claims 25-28 and 49-52 are in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

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